
St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

On Tuesday 29 March 2022, our Enrolment process for 2023 will commence with our Year 7 (2023) Information Evening for prospective parents and carers. This is a time to recognise and celebrate the fact that we are Catholic school, founded in the finest traditions of the Sisters of St Joseph, and to recall what this demands of us.

Like the Sisters, we, the staff, remain steadfast in our commitment to be a vibrant, life-giving, and life-promoting place. To this end, our values, relationships, and actions emphasise our commitment to be:

- **A place where Jesus Christ is at the heart of the community. That is a place where Christ's values define our daily being and doing as a community.**
- **A place where relationships come first.** That is, a place where the communitarian nature of College life is affirmed through positive, hopeful, and empowering relationships. Where students experience a deep sense of belonging and connectedness to the community.
- **A place of inclusion and wholeness.** That is, a place recognising and affirming everyone in their uniqueness as images of a loving God; a place recognising, welcoming and esteeming difference and honouring each person in their wholeness – body, mind, and spirit.
- **A place of compassion, care, sensitivity, and healthy challenge.** That is, a place of forgiveness, a reconciling and redemptive place, a positive place offering hope in a world given to violence, despair, and fear. A place nurturing gentleness of spirit through compassionate care and sensitivity, and resilience through healthy challenge. Above all else, a place where all community members experience care modelled on the compassionate heart of Jesus.
- **A place of safety and respect.** That is, a disciplined place. A place where high standards and expectations are set and consistently enforced and where boundaries are set around students' behaviour. A place where students are challenged to recognise that there is right and wrong and that their choices do have consequences.
- **A place that will make demands of students.** That is, a place recognising that healthy challenge is integral to the process of human formation and learning. This demands that students are challenged to give of their best and then exceed it, both as people and as learners, in everything they do.
- **A place of learning.** That is, a place where teachers see themselves as learners, collaborate as learners and are totally committed to living out a fundamental belief that **"every student can learn and every student has the right to learn"**; a generative place nurturing a culture of continuous improvement and growth in learning, leading and wellbeing.

These characteristics of our community clearly demonstrate that students need more than academic development to thrive. They need a positive sense of self and belonging that we all feel when our emotional, social, physical, and cognitive needs are being met. Indeed, Educational Research confirms that positive student/teacher relationships, connectedness and belonging are critical to students' success in learning and the foundation for maximising student outcomes. Our commitment, as a staff, is to toil relentlessly to enable our students to thrive as learners and as people who are committed to a Christian way of life.

Rich Blessings

Larry Keating
Principal

Year 7 (2023) Information Evening

The Enrolment Evening provides a comprehensive introduction to St Mary's.

It is designed to support parents/carers in gaining a deep awareness of what St Mary's offers students and, to this extent, will support parents/carers in a process of learning, discernment, and decision-making about whether St Mary's is the right school for your child's secondary education.

You are invited to a presentation by members of the College's Leadership Team. It will include a detailed overview of the College's Learning Agenda, the Wellbeing process, the outstanding success of our first three HSC classes and the Campus refurbishment.

Our Enrolment Evening for this year, for the 2023 intake, is being held on:

Date: Tuesday 29 March 2022

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Josephite Centre (Hall)

We look forward to welcoming you.

*Enrolment Applications will be accepted, for Year 7 (2023) from **Monday 7 March 2022 until Friday 27 May 2022.***

Application forms are available on the evening, from the College Reception or can be downloaded from the College website:

<https://www.gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au/media/nzzmafzq/cso-enrolment-package-vers-10-21.pdf>

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – LEARNING & TEACHING

NAPLAN 2022

Once again it is time to prepare for NAPLAN testing and both Years 7 and 9 will be partaking in an online Practice Test on the 24th of March in preparation for the official NAPLAN test in May.

NAPLAN Practice Tests Week 9 Term One

Year 7 and 9 will sit ONE practice test on **Thursday 24th of March**:

This test is called the '**Omnibus Test**' which combines three tests – Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy - into one test.

The test will last for approximately 40 minutes and is entirely for practice – for the students to understand how the test will work and for NESA to test its servers and their capacity.

The mark achieved in this test is not reported to students or the school.

NAPLAN Tests – in Week 3 of Term Two, commencing May 10, students will sit three NAPLAN tests. These tests will be in - Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. An exact timetable for these tests closer to the time will be forward to parents and carers.

In 2022, our students will sit these online tests on their own devices. As a result, **every student in Years 7 and 9 will need to ensure that they have their devices with them and that these are charged.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Chromebooks are not supported by the Locked Down Browser** required to undertake the NAPLAN tests. Students with Chromebooks will be required to complete the tests on a school owned device
- All students will be **required to download/update the latest version of the Locked Down Browser prior to the day of their NAPLAN Practice tests.** Information regarding this process has been **emailed to students by Mr Abell.**

Finally, if you are interested in looking at the NAPLAN tests, or trying one out, please go to the following link for more information: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

Additional resources:

- [Public demonstration site](#)
- [NESA NAPLAN website](#)
- [NAP parent/carer support page](#)

And, finally, if you are a Visual Learner, you can watch a YouTube Clip via the following link:

[NAPLAN Overview Youtube](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au if you have any further questions regarding NAPLAN.

Cathy O’Gorman

Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching

RE: Public Transport - Masks Required

Please be aware that current covid safety guidelines require all students travelling on buses to and from the College to wear a face mask throughout the journey unless they have a valid exemption. Students are expected to provide their own surgical or K3 mask for travel. The College will provide surgical masks where needed to ensure students comply with current health advice.

Mr Ben Frize – Assistant Principal Wellbeing

YEAR 12 – LEADER OF WELLBEING

THE POWER OF CONVERSATION

On Thursday 10th March, Year 12 were blessed to take part in the RAMHP (Rural Adversity Mental Health Program) in partnership with the Baggy Blues. The article published in the Newcastle Herald on Friday 11th March provides the details of the visit. Our guests included **Rick McCosker (OAM), Steve Rixon, Phil Emery, Brian Brakespear, Chris Green, Lachlan Hearne and Hunar Verma.**

Cricket sparks conversations

HUNTER students have met with some of the state's most revered cricketers to talk about their love of the game and the importance of maintaining mental health.

Former Australian cricketer Rick McCosker OAM is the co-patron of the Baggy Blues, a group of cricketers who have represented the state. He said it formed originally to support current and former players, before it partnered with the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program to speak about mental health in rural areas and then Cricket NSW to visit regional areas. The group spoke to students

at Hunter Sports High and St Mary's Gateshead on Thursday. "Nothing like this was even thought about when I was at school," Mr McCosker said. "We use cricket as a means to get people together and raise awareness of mental health. We talk about how it might have affected us in our journey and try to encourage students to think about mental health, talk about it, try and identify where it might be an issue with friends or family. We want people to feel comfortable talking about it. If they feel they've got an issue within themselves that hopefully

someone will come to them and say 'How are you? Are you really okay?', to have that conversation." St Mary's student Riley said the visit was "one of my favourite days of school" and "reinforced" the importance of checking in on mates and yourself "so you don't fall under". "As a year group we're always checking in with each other and our year coordinator makes sure we're doing well. You can always tell when someone is having an off day and we're really open with each other. We see if we can help out or need to give them space."

— HELEN GREGORY



LET'S TALK: Riley Urquhart, Rick McCosker, Nick McAndrew and Chris Green. Mr McCosker said mental health was important at all ages. Picture: Simone De Peak

As an observer what struck me the most was that the Year 12's were so very willing to engage in discussions with the adult who led their group. These people were complete strangers, yet the conversations ran for 40 minutes. Riley, in his interview this afternoon, mentioned that, as a group of young people, they know to talk to each other and do look out for each other. They like to discuss with each other how they are coping with assessments and life in general. Riley also said it "was his best day at school, ever."

Maryanne Murray
Leader of Wellbeing – Year 12



Those who have gone before us.....

This week marks the anniversary of the death of Sr Joan Blake who was the first Principal of St Mary's.

Sisters of St Joseph Lochinvar

Sr M Joan Blake



Died 16 March 1991

Margaret Agnes Blake was born at Adamstown on 23 September 1901 to Peter Blake and Isabella McLuckie. Her father worked as a blacksmith. After gaining her Leaving Certificate at St Joseph's College in Lochinvar, she decided to become a schoolteacher. She trained at Sydney Teachers College and taught in bush schools for three years before she entered the Novitiate at Lochinvar from her home in Greta on 23 January 1925, taking the name Sister Mary Joan. After her profession as a Sister of St Joseph on 6 July 1927, she began her ministry of education in the diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and in the Sydney Archdiocese as a secondary school teacher and later as a principal.

Her first appointment was to Wauchope. Wingham, Lochinvar, The Junction (Merewether), Summer Hill, Belmont and Gateshead followed. After forty-six years, her ministry of teaching ended at Lochinvar in 1976. Sr Joan excelled in the fields of English literature and modern history. In her own classes she brought alive the great events of history from the French Revolution to the Second World War. She encouraged in her students a love of literature from Shakespeare to T.S. Elliot and from Marcus Clarke to Christopher Brennan.

Though small in stature, Sr Joan nevertheless had great dignity and presence and as one former pupil said, "She was both strict and kind and had a warm sense of humour. She exercised considerable authority over students without being authoritarian." In 1964, she became the first principal, on a staff of four Sisters, at St Mary's Secondary School in Gateshead.

A woman of great faith, courage and commitment, Sr Joan had a great love for God and for her Sisters. In later years, her health declined and she lived a semi-retired life at Lochinvar from 1981, becoming a resident of the Nursing Home from 1983. There her life of service ended, after a long illness on 16 March 1991. Following the celebration of her Funeral Mass in the convent chapel, Sr Joan was laid to rest in the Sisters' section of the Lochinvar cemetery.

Based on the Words of Remembrance at her Funeral Mass.

FACULTY NEWS – VET HOSPITALITY

Year 12 TAFE Evening

On Tuesday evening, Year 12 VET Hospitality and Business Services students were accompanied by Mrs Edwards, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Dews and Mrs Morgan to Hamilton TAFE for a three-course dinner.

The dinner was a part of the assessment for the Certificate III in Hospitality at TAFE, where apprentices plan and prepare a three-course meal. The apprentice student for that evening is Head Chef and oversees the running of the kitchen. The serving of the meal and preparation of mocktails was supported by students at the TAFE undertaking a Diploma in Hospitality.

Our students had a wonderful dining experiencing in a formal setting with a different combination of foods that many may not have encountered before. After the meal, the students were taken on a tour of the Hospitality facilities of Hamilton TAFE.



VET News

Our Year 12 Hospitality students prepared and served lunch to our new 2022 staff last week.



STEM

Girls in STEM

Earlier this week a meeting was scheduled to outline 2 exciting opportunities for girls in Years 7 & 8 that are interested in the STEM subjects. Excitingly we have had 17 girls express an interest in these opportunities, but we are looking for more, especially from Year 8. The two programs we are promoting are:

1. The Tech Girls are Superheroes Workshops. On the 27th April they will visit our school from 1 to 3pm to discuss the program they are promoting. We have not taken part in this previously but browsing their website it is an exciting journey we are entering <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/>
2. The GameChanger Girls esports activity requires teams to develop a game using Minecraft that is shared among like-minded students around Australia. This program is coordinated by Bron Stuckey from Innovative Educational Ideas and is only in it's second year.
[Home | GameChanger Girls](#)

The maximum number we can have participate in the first activity is 30, so if you are interested please see Mr Abell as soon as possible.

Shane Abell
LT Coordinator

Backpacks for Lismore

A couple of weeks ago, Maryanne Murray (Year 12 Leader of Wellbeing) mentioned to staff that she would be paying a visit to her family in Lismore in the next couple of weeks and if anyone would consider donating backpacks and stationery items to the flood affected families, she would be happy to take them. The response was overwhelming.

Last weekend, Maryanne Murray (Year 12 LoW) and her husband, Michael made the trip – these are her words:

“Michael and I filled both our cars and our trailer. WE have hired a truck to go back up to Lismore tomorrow morning.

It was a weekend of so many mixed emotions. Silence as we drove into town, then tears when the family turned up and then laughter.”



“Its cool to be kind” backpack. Never a truer word.

Such a small thing to do to bring a smile to a family's face in times of total devastation. One less thing to worry about. Thank you to everyone who donated, it meant the world in a time of crisis.



Students ready to fill Mrs Murray's car.




Library Matters











The school term is now in full swing and the books have been flying off the shelf. It has been great to have the English classes all coming in to borrow a **DEAR** book. Drop Everything and Read is such a great initiative and we love knowing that time is regularly being made for students to read. Even those who don't love reading, get so much out of it....


The **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** has launched for 2022. Please sign up for this year's challenge and start reading. Remember it is now open to Year 10 as well. Importantly, students in Year 7 must collect a permission note from the Library, so that we can collect your Primary school details and link your accounts. Remember you can also read ebooks as well as our physical collection.

Vist: <https://soraapp.com/> or Download the SORA app from your store and then sign up with "I have a set up code" using [cenetau](#)


TEN AMAZING BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS



-  Strengthens your writing skills
-  Improves your memory and focus
-  Enhances your imagination
-  Increases your vocabulary
-  Expands your knowledge
-  Stimulates your brain
-  Boosts your mood
-  Deepens empathy
-  Helps you relax
-  Lowers stress

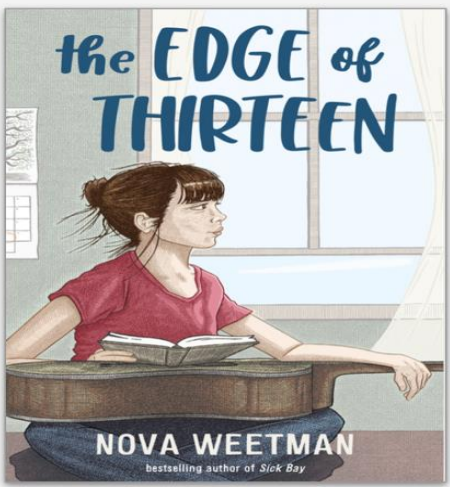


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ACEN EBOOK OF THE WEEK

17/03/2022
Secondary Schools




Clem Timmins can't wait to see her best friends after being apart all summer holidays. But when they get back together, things have changed. Bridge is boy-crazy and acting like a different person. When she makes friends with Tom, suddenly everyone's gossiping about whether they're going to be a couple. Clem's got no interest in having a boyfriend. Or does she?

At school camp, Bridge crosses the line and Clem has to make a decision. This story of fitting in and falling out perfectly captures how it feels to balance on the edge of who you are and who you want to be.



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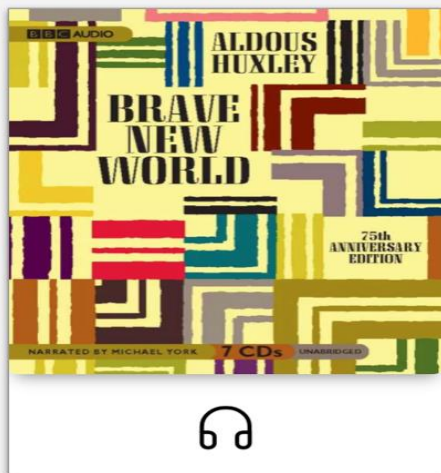




ACEN EBOOK OF THE WEEK

17/03/2022

For Staff



Originally published in 1932, this outstanding work of literature is more crucial and relevant today than ever before. Cloning, feel-good drugs, anti-aging programs, and total social control through politics, programming, and media—has Aldous Huxley accurately predicted our future? With a storyteller's genius, he weaves these ethical controversies in a compelling narrative that dawns in the year 632 AF (After Ford, the deity). When Lenina and Bernard visit a savage reservation, we experience how Utopia can destroy humanity.



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The **NSW Secondary Chess Competition** is about to begin. Our first game will be in the coming days against an old rival, Belmont Christian College. We wish the team well. Stay tuned on the result.... And wish us luck!

The **St Mary's Chess competition** has turned into a "friendly comp" due to COVID delays. This year we have the added bonus of **Mr John Hepworth** joining our staff, and he has been able to work with our chess players at lunchtime, offering tips and suggestions on how to improve their play.

So much happening..

From St Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, to PRC, we have had so many promotions, all put together by the amazing **Ms Melissa Watt**, our Library Assistant. Her knowledge of great reads and our collection results in some great displays showing our diverse and inclusive collection.

Thank you Mrs Turvey's Year 12 English class, who provided me with a highlight for the term. We all thoroughly enjoyed a lesson where I was able to invite them 'onboard' to a mock aircraft in the library and we 'travelled' around the globe. While briefly being interrupted by our 'inflight snacks' we laughed and learnt about the trials and tribulations of world and local travel. The class generously then sent me some beautiful thankyou notes. Well guys, the pleasure was all mine and 'Thank you for flying with St Mary's Library Airways!'

Mrs Rosalind Dunn
Teacher Librarian

Landcare News



St Mary's Landcare has been regenerating the creek that runs adjacent to our school oval since 2006. During this time, we have planted about 20,000 native plants in and along the creek. Our College runs 8 Landcare days per year and we plant 1000 native plants into our creek ecosystem annually.

<p>Before (2006). No trees and a littered stormwater drain</p>	<p>After (photo taken 2020). 20,000 plants later and a thriving ecosystem</p>

Upcoming Events:

- LANDCARE DAY Wednesday 30th March – weeding and planting 200 native trees and grasses.
- Inviting students to be a part of an Environmental Team.
- Capture native sightings in the creek ecosystem by still photography and video
- Creation of a native bee flower garden.
- Introducing a recycling system in every classroom.



Hardworking student volunteers

Easter Mass Times

Boolaroo-Warners Bay Parish

Holy Thursday	7.00pm (Warners Bay)
Good Friday (Warners Bay)	3.00pm (Warners Bay) with Stations of the Cross at 10.00am
Holy Saturday – the Easter Vigil	6.30pm (Warners Bay)
Easter Sunday	8.00am (Warners Bay) & 10.00am. (Boolaroo)
Sunday Night at	6.00pm (Warners Bay)



East Lake Macquarie Parish

HOLY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00PM at St Pius X Windale
GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3:00PM at St Patrick's Swansea
EASTER VIGIL Mass	6:00PM at St Francis Xavier Belmont


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF MACKILLOP PARISH

Holy Week & Easter Timetable

MONDAY 11 April:	9:00AM	Mass	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
TUESDAY 12 April:	5.30PM	Mass	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
	7.00PM	Chrim Mass	SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL NEWCASTLE WEST
WEDNESDAY 13 April:	9:00AM	Mass	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
	8:45AM	Liturgy of the Word / Communion	ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH REDHEAD

Sacred Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY 14 April:	7:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	ST PAUL'S CHURCH GATESHEAD
	8:00PM	Adoration until 9:00PM	ST PAUL'S CHURCH GATESHEAD
GOOD FRIDAY 15 April:	10:00AM	Way of the Cross	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
	10:00AM	Way of the Cross	ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH REDHEAD
	3:00PM	Solemn Ceremonies	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
HOLY SATURDAY 16 April:	6:00PM	Vigil Mass	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
EASTER SUNDAY 17 April:	8:00AM	Mass of the Resurrection	ST MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHARLESTOWN
	9:30AM	Mass of the Resurrection	ST PAUL'S CHURCH GATESHEAD



The Federation of P & F Associations is very pleased to offer a unique and special opportunity to parents and carers of students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Emma Merlino – Coordinator: Counselling Team at the CSO, is offering an opportunity for **20** parents or carers to register to attend this **FREE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID** training.

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course will teach you how to assist adolescents who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan. This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

MORNING TEA, LUNCH and MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID MANUAL PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

Mental health problems covered	Mental health crises covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depression and anxiety • Eating disorders • Psychosis • Substance use problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicidal thoughts and behaviours • Non-suicidal self-injury • Panic attacks • Traumatic events • Severe psychotic states • Severe effects from alcohol or other drug use • Aggressive behaviours.

Note: This course is not a therapy or a support group.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE TRAINING, YOU MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING:

1. Have a child enrolled in a Catholic secondary school in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
2. Commit to attending TWO full days of training on **FRIDAY 25 March AND FRIDAY 1 April** at the Catholic Schools Office, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West (**Attendance is necessary. Please ONLY register if you can commit to these two days**).
3. Register early. This opportunity is only available for the **FIRST 20** registrants.
4. Register by clicking on the link below to complete the online registration form. You will be notified by Cath Garrett-Jones of the outcome of your registration.
5. Any questions or comments? Call Cath on 4979 1303 or E: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au

([REGISTRATION LINK – CLICK HERE](#))



Agent C

Challenging fake news, conspiracy theories and online hate

- * Concerned about the rise of online fake news and conspiracy theories?
- * Worried about the spread of racism and online hate?

We are inviting young people to participate in 3 exciting and interactive workshops that will explore the emergence of online fake news and conspiracy theories with a focus on hateful and divisive narratives.

This program will give you:

- ▶ Knowledge around fake news and conspiracy theories, in particular how to spot them and what you can do about it
- ▶ Communication skills - learn to address complex and controversial topics in this area with the people around you
- ▶ Networks and relationships - build connections with other likeminded young people who are passionate about this area.
- ▶ You'll also receive a Westfield's voucher to the value of \$60 after completing all 3 workshops and evaluation surveys.

▶ An understanding of social identity, power and privilege and how they impact on our relationship with fake news and conspiracy theories.

▶ Leadership skills - this will be an exciting opportunity to take part in workshops tackling some of the most current and important issues.

Eligibility:

- Live in NSW.
- Be aged 14-21.
- Interested in challenging the rise of online fake news and conspiracy theories.
- Be available to attend 3 x 1.5 hour interactive workshops online (Zoom)
- Agree to take part in evaluation after the workshops

Training Details:

- 3 x 1.5 hour workshops online. There will be multiple workshops you can book into to suit your schedule.
- Total of up to 20 people in the session with 2 facilitators.
- Multiple workshops throughout April and May (2022). Choose from a range of dates and times. Workshops running Monday - Saturday at various times. Pick the workshops that work best for you!

How to apply:

Express your interest via: <https://forms.gle/Ecyb2zB9vusjivUV9>

OR

Drop us a line at agentc@alltogethernow.org.au with your name and phone number.

The Agent C project is funded by the NSW government through Multicultural NSW under its COMPACT program. It is led by All Together Now, in partnership with Headspace Camperdown.

All Together Now aims to prevent racism by promoting racial equity through education:
<http://alltogethernow.org.au/>

Term 1 Calendar 2022

Week 9 (A Week)	
Tues 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Staff Professional Development 3.00pm-4.30pm – Classes cease at 2.40pm
Wed 23 March	Digital Mentor Program
Thurs 24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Practice Test – Years 7 & 9 Surfest - TBC
Fri 25 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of the Annunciation (College Feast Day) Year 7 to 10 Parent-Student-Teacher Interview Bookings open Year 7 to 11 Interim Reports published
Week 10 (B Week)	
Mon 28 March	Science & Engineering Challenge Day (TBC)
Tues 29 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Year 7 2023 Information Evening – The Josephite Centre (Hall) – 7pm
Wed 30 March	Landcare
Thurs 31 March	Year 7 to 10 Parent-Student-Teacher interviews 2.30pm-6.30pm - TBC
Fri 1 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 04/22 Bill Turner Cup - TBC Year 7 to 10 Parent-Student-Teacher interviews 8.00am-2.45pm - TBC Pupil Free Day for Year 7 to 10 Students; Year 11 and 12 attend class as usual - TBC
Week 11 (A Week)	
Mon 4 April	Year 10 Luna Park excursion
Tues 5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Da Vinci Decathlon inter-school competition (Year 8) Dio Soccer
Wed 6 April	Da Vinci Decathlon inter-school competition
Thurs 7 April	Easter Liturgy
Fri 8 April	Last Day of Term 1 (Term 2 commences Tuesday 26 April)

Easter 2022

Thursday 14 April - Holy Thursday

Friday 15 April - Good Friday

Sunday 17 April - Easter Sunday

Please note the TBC dates – this is due to evolving COVID protocols. Arrangements will be continually updated on this page.

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Disability Provisions applications for HSC exams are now open. Any student considering applying for these provisions please see **Mr Tim O'Neill** to discuss their eligibility. The closing date for applications is the last day of Term 1. Please note that SMCC does not make decisions about applications. The NSW Government Education Standards Authority (NESAs) make determinations based on evidence supplied in applications.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The navy-blue school sock back-order will be received at St Mary's Uniform Shop this week. The socks will be available to collect from Thursday (12.45pm to 3.30pm) onwards.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Tuesday 8.30am to 10.30am
 Wednesday 8.30am to 10.30am
 Thursday 12.45pm to 3.30pm

Shop Tel: 0435 954 372

Email: stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au

